Fair to-day; to-morrow increasing cloudiness and warmer; variable winds.

Highest temperature yesterday, 45; lowest, 34. Detailed weather, mail and marine reports on page 10.

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PRESIDENT WILL ARM MERCHANT SHIPS IMMEDIATELY; CALLS CONGRESS TO MEET IN EXTRA SESSION ON APRIL 16; DANIELS ASKS PAPERS TO SUPPRESS ALL NEWS OF SAILINGS

MENOCAL GIVES

President of Cuba Assures "The Sun" of War on German Plotters.

Teuton Gold and Submarines as Bribe to Gen. Gomez-Revolt Crushed.

RAVANA, via Key West, March 9 .-Gen. Mario G. Menocal, President of Cuba, asks THE SUN to state as simple fact that the United States will have in the next four years no friend more sympathetic and devoted than himself. He \$2,500,000 POLICY

In the course of an interview to-day with a representative of THE SUN the President, elated over the downfall of the Gomes revolt, talked with remark-able frankness. He believes the United States Government has acted toward Cuba in the recent crisis with the ut-most delicacy and firmness and that a very long step has been taken toward overcoming the oldtime prejudice that certain portions of the Cuban people have entertained toward Americans since

the intervention of 1996.

It is not possible to quote the President absolutely for some parts of the interview, but it was not difficult to gather that German agents had made very interesting promises to Gen. Jose Miguel Gomes, who finds himself to-day in a common cell in the national peni

Germany Profered Gold.

There were promises of unlimited gold with which to bribe the troops, of officers to drill volunteers and of submarines to "protect Cuba against her Tankee schoolmaster." The scheme seems to have been a very pretty one as it was outlined to the eager Jose Miguel. Once let the revolution get control, Germany would send submarines to protect Havana. Sansend submarines to protect Havana, San-tiago and other ports from American warships. There was the batt, and if the warships. There was the bait, and if the the policy. The distributions to the other reports of the Cuban secret police are companies will range from nominal sums accurate, the triumph of Gomez would to as high as \$250,000. Among the com-

student at Cornell. I am going to take garded by insurance men as one of the the liberty, therefore, to ask The Sun finest strokes of salesmanship on record. to assure the American people that they His share of the premium the have no stronger friend than I and that will be \$62,000; the second \$2 have no stronger friend than I and that there need be no apprehension as to the activity of foreign agents in this republic. We will put a stop to that.

"If was the obvious purpose of the wound inflicted by Frank Holt, a proof the the rebellion to bring about such a state of affairs as would cause the United

U. S. Wouldn't Be Tricked.

They planned to be themselves in power when intervention came, hoping to repeat the trick played in the Palma days. But the United States Government was not to be so Included. Without nent was not to be so tricked. interfering in the least it made plain to the rebels that disloyalty and treachery

There is a person in New York named Dr. Perrara who has been giving out utterly misleading statements con-cerning the situation. Here I confess my astonishment that so much credence show that I was unfriendly to America. My course speaks for itself, but perhaps the United States is not aware Ferrara not so long ago was me of the most treacherous writers against America.

of Gen. Gomez was a deciding stroke.
although the result was never in doubt. As a revolution the thing is now a mat-ter of ridicule. There may be some nditry for a time on the part of small scattered bodies, but I have the forces to hunt down and capture these traitors

that I shall do.
I think that the United States will agree that Cuba has absolutely demon-strated her capacity for republican govrnment-her ability to settle her own troubles. I speak to you with a very full heart, for I am proud of Cuba this

Military Situation Favorable.

"The military situation had from the first been extremely favorable. Only i or 490 soldiers mutinied, and many

Lighting Dynamo Completed Full Plant.

NORFOLK, Va., March 9.—When United States Marshal Saunders took possession of the liner Appam after the break with Germany he found installed there a secret wireless apparatus by which all messages sent in this section were read. PRAISES WILSON COURSE A fine wire was found strung along the pipe leading to the whistle on the funnel of the Appam and extending above it as do the antenne of wireless. above it as do the antenne of wireless. The wire led to the interior of the vessel where dynamos were kept running to light the ship. Investigation, it is said, led to the discovery that the wire finally ran to the room occupied by Lieut. Hans Berg, where the messages were recorded by fiash from an electric light bulb.

Later investigation developed that the dynamo in the boiler room had been used to take the piace of that in the wireless from, which was not out of commission.

room, which was put out of commission when the United States Court took charge. Messages could be sent and also

ON MORGAN'S LIFE

Largest Individual Insurance Is to Offset Inheritance Taxes on Family.

J. Pierpont Morgan has applied to the New York Life Insurance Company for insurance in the sum of \$2,500,000, the largest personal life insurance ever taken out in America. The policy will be in-contestable after a period of one year from the date of its issuance.

An unprecedented feature, so far as known, is found in the statement that the wast insurance is being taken out as an offset to the State inheritance tax.

accurate, the triumph of Gomez would have meant very serious difficulties for the United States.

One seeking an interview with the President of Cuba these days approaches the National Palace through a screen of troops and of police. The Plaza de Armas, so near the harbor side that it rocked with the concussion of the Maine explosion nineteen years ago, is thronged with excited citizens. Couriers on scraggy little horses draw rein in front of the palace and leap through the iron gates. Couriers in automobiles whiz to the sidewalk and go bounding up the marble starcase.

German crank, and is said to be in

Morgan bank from eight to ten hours a It was said yesterday that before the Morgan application the two larger sonal policies were on the lives of A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank, and Rodman Wanamaker insured for \$1,000,000 at the time of his

SUBMARINE OFF FIRE ISLAND. inidentified Craft, 150 Feet Long.

erson of the steamer Indian, which arrived here to-day from Philadelphia, reported that while passing twenty-five
miles southwest of Fire Island, N. Y.
yesterday morning he sighted an unidentified submarine heading toward the
a long delay in the matter of House oravertesing coast, them every American coast.

deck, which appeared to contain two vacancies filled on their present political periscopes. Officers of the steamer were basis. Old and new members have becalled to the bridge and agreed that the instructed to hold themselves in read craft did not look like an American ness for a call as early as April 1.

PERKINS BUYS POTATOES.

Pays More Than \$225,000 90,000 Bushels.

Boston, Mass., March 9.—Ninety thousand bushels of Maine potatoes were ought by George W. Perkins through Boston broker to-day. Mr. Perkins, is chairman of the New York Food ommittee, will distribute the potatoes n that city, selling them at cost or less as emergency may require The purchase price was said to be more than \$225,000.

LONDON, March 9 .- The closing of the Dutch-Belgian frontier by the German military authorities is reported in a Cen-tral News despatch from Amsterdam.

PLEDGE TO U. S. Fine Wire on Whisele and HOUSE CONTROL FAST GROWING

Whitman to Call Special Germans Cracking, Allies **Election to Fill Place** Held by Conry.

ties" Are Said to Be Sure for G. O. P.

Gov. Whitman announced last night at the St. Regis Hotel that upon his return to Albany Monday he would issue a call for a special election to select a successor to Representative Michael F. Conry of the Fifteenth New York Congrees district, who died in Washington March 2. This will make it possible for the new Representative to serve in the special session of Congress called yes-

Although the Fifteenth district is strongly Democratic and there is no doubt that the new member of the lower house will be of the same political faith as his predecessor, from present indica-tions it will not prevent the Republicans from controlling the House by a majority

of one.

Before Representative Conry's death
the House stood 215 Republicans, 215
Democrats and 5 independents. The
Republicans are confident of controlling
three of the independent votes, so that

An unprecedented feature, so far as known, is found in the statement that the vast insurance is being taken out as an offset to the State inheritance tax. The loss which his family would suffer through the appropriation by the State of a large inheritance tax will be made up in whole or in part by the payment of the \$2,500,000.

To handle this tremendous risk it will be distributed among practically all the large insurance companies of the East, the New York Life retaining \$560,000 of the policy. The distributions to the other companies will range from nominal sums to as high as \$250,000. Among the companies will range from nominal sums to as high as \$250,000. Among the companies will range from nominal sums to as high as \$250,000. Among the companies will range from nominal sums to as high as \$250,000. Among the companies will range from nominal sums to as high as \$250,000. Among the companies will range from nominal sums to as high as \$250,000. Among the companies will range from nominal sums to as high as \$250,000. Among the companies will range from nominal sums to as high as \$250,000. Among the companies will range from nominal sums to as high as \$250,000. Among the companies will range from nominal sums to as high as \$250,000. Among the companies will range from nominal sums to as high as \$250,000. Among the companies will range from nominal sums to as high as \$250,000. The law provides the companies will range from nominal sums to as high as \$250,000. Among the companies will range from nominal sums to a sum the companies will range from nominal sums to a sum the companies will range from nominal sums to a sum the companies will range from nominal sums to a sum the companies will range from nominal sums to a sum the companies will range from nominal sums to a sum the companies will range from nominal sums to a sum the companies will range from the companies

fter Mr. that a special election shall not be held Mutual less than thirty or more than forty days 1200,000; after the official call. This will just make it possible for the new member to take his seat in time for the special ses-sion of Congress.

FOR SPEAKER PRO TEM.

Interview With Menocal.

"Please step this way," said Senor Asplazu, el Secretairo Particular del Presidente. "This is the President's private office. He is there in the corner."

Gen. Menocal might easily be taken for a physician. He has the professional manner when he extends his hand that one imagines momentarily that he is about to put a finger on your pulse. "You will observe," he said, "that I am submerged in business, but I am Sun, I recall very distinctly that in the days of the war for independence and before, The Sun devoted much space to Cuban news—fair, accurate articles. Also I read The Sun when I was as the life insurance off the subsiness is restudent at Cornell. I am going to take the liberty, therefore, to ask THE Sun in the little substance off takes of substance off takes of substances of the substance of the

entire country. They anticipate that they will be called on to enact a good deal of legislation which up to the present has been considered revolu-

Temporary Organization Scheme. In view of to-day's developments the organization of the House and the time consumed thereby has become all important. However, if the President indicates in his opening address that certain legislation bearing upon the inter-national situation is imperative, it was the opinion of the leaders to-night that the organization of the House would not be permitted to delay action. Although they expect confidently to organize the Sighted by Boston Skipper.

Boston, March 9.—Capt. W. C. Nickpro tem., and whatever temporary com-

ganization. Counting against them every The undersea craft was described as vote they do not feel certain is with being 150 feet long, painted black and them, they believe they have a majority carrying a small superstructure on her of one with all existing or threatened

and the time intervening between then and the convening of the extra session will be utilized to perfecting the organization which the party will seek to per petuate in the House. The election of a Speaker pro tem. will be resorted to only in the event that some of the "un-certainties" now believed to be definitely

Both Sides Predict Victory. Both Speaker Clark and Representa

Woods of Iowa, chairman of the ve Woods of lows, chairman of the epublican Congressional Committee, redicted victory for their respective arties. Each said his party was as-ared of at least 218 votes and that

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to Eat and All Sacrifice

Special Cable Despatch to Tax Sch. LONDON, March 9 .- There is doubt no longer that Germany and the Allies both are counting on the food situation quite as much as military developments to bring the end of the war nearer this

The Allies have information that the morale of the German people is fast reaking under the depression of hunger. They are unable to perform their wonted tasks, their spirits are not maintained and their confidence in victory is waning

The sensational speeches in the Prussian Diet are construed to mean the beginning of a bitter fight between the Imperial and Prussian legislative bodies, each blaming the other for existing conditions. Last October, at the close of the crop season, the Imperial authorities made reassuring announcements about the crop returns, but began enforcing more severe restrictions.

Millions Always Hungry.

Those restrictions have been growing steadily harsher until millions are perpetually hungry and nearing the point of starvation. The German children are not growing normally, and adults of working age are persistently sacrificing themselves to give the children and the aged more food. The result is a great diminution of the producing power of

labor.
The Prussian land owning classes are the people. The Prussians retort that the maladministration of the imperial authorities is to blame. Baron you Schorlemer's remark, "It is a consolation to know that the Reichstag is luckily un-able to appoint or depose the Prusslan Ministers," foreshadows a hard contest between the Prusslan and Imperial forces.

The allied countries are especially re-joiced at the notion that Germany ad-mits cracking under the strain. Reports from recent travellers in the interior of Germany agree that conditions are rapidly getting worse. Other parts of Germany agree that Republicans Would Accept Clark if
Organisation Is Delayed.

Washington, March 9.—Members of the House in Washington to-night were inclined to view with mixed feelings where the war never was as popular as the control of the president has the power will be armed or how they will be armed or how they will be at they will be armed or how they will be to their trade with England. They is free to exercise it at once. I do not think you ought to ask with what guns they will be armed or how they will be armed or how they will be to their interests to keep their sincilined to view with mixed feelings where the war never was as popular as in Prussia.

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Breakdown of Government.

Germans protest especially that expected vigorous Governaction against monopolies and price hoisting the Government has fulled completely to prevent these things. In-stead the military have been used to prevent the demonstrations of hungry

people.

The Germans have been kept cheer-England were nearer starvation, but lately they have been learning the truth and losing confidence in the Government

FEW POTATOES SOLD. England Has First Example of Real Food Shortage.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SEX LONDON, March 9.—England witnessed the first indications of a potato shortage

are plenty of potatoes in the kingdom but that the farmers are unable at present to bring them to market. newspapers and journals of all kinds are using the potato shortage to drive home arguments for a greater production of foodstuffs throughout the empire. This resolution is embodied in a report passed for the Imperial Conference.

Objection to More Duties.

There have been many objections raised to the suggested imperial preference in wider range of customs duties, which are to be remitted or reduced on within the empire. The free traders are still crying out against any tariff wall or restrictions. It is proposed to take advantage of the potato shortage to educate the wage earning classes to the necessity of defending the nation's

a sharp advance in other food prices The best grades of mutton and beef sold to-day at retail for 29 cents a pound. Canned fruits are scarce owing to the cutting down of imports by 50 per cent. The agriculturists consider that the potato shortage comes at an opportune moment, for it has materially stimulated planting. In the Devon district the last spring. Many farmers are apply-ing for soldier labor.

Maximum Prices Set.

The produce exchanges in all English cities have drawn up, with the sanction of the Food Comptroller, a list of maxicurers will not be allowed to exceed

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Appeal Is Made to Patriot ism of Press and Cable Companies.

SECRETARY SAYS NAVY WILL EQUIP LINERS

"Publication of Details Might Jeopardize Human Life," He Declares.

GUNS OF 3 TO 6 INCH CALIBRE TO BE USED

Armament, Names of Vessels and Sailing Dates Won't Be Disclosed.

Washington, March 9 .- Lacking legal authority to establish general censorship the Administration appealed to-night to the patriotism of the country's newspapers and cable companies to suppress publication and transmission of infor mation about the movements of American merchant craft which are to armed against German submarines.

Secretary Daniels has determined no to reveal any of the Navy Department plans for carrying out the policy ordered by President Wilson. He previously has stated, however, that the navy is prepared with guns, ammunition. gun crews and all other necessary equipment or personnel to carry out the instructions.

Navy yard commandants will superintend the actual installation of guns on merchant craft. The rifles, ammunition mounts, range finders and other accessories are already stored at the yards They range from heavy 6 inch rifles to 3 inch weapons and smaller guns. The number of guns to go on each ship, the personnel selected from the active list | the submarine war to the end. of the navy or from the reserve to handle the guns, the time of sailing or the names of ships that have been armed will not be disclosed.

Statement by Daniels.

Secretary Daniels in his statement issued the newspaper men said:

"You have rend the statement issued from the White House and now you know that the President has the power to arm American merchant ships making up their trade with England. They have made enough money and can afford to bear the loss of English trade."

The not bear the loss of English trade." be exercised. The Government should be trusted fully to carry out the policy

announced in the best way.
"I do not think you ought to ask when
the ships will be armed or print when
they will sail. To-day I requested every cable company in America not to sens out any news about ships sailing to or from Europe. The wireless stations are under the direction of the Navy Department and no news of sailings will go

out by radio.
"I am going to request you and every newspaper and every news agency in the United States not to print any news about the arrival of ships or when any of them will sall for European ports. (Later Secretary Daniels announced that there would be no objection to puberning arrivals might be stricken from his request to the newspapers of the

Plea to Patriotic Americans.

"There is no power of censorship in our country. The President does not to-day, when long lines of women waited to-day, when long lines of women waited cutside the grocery shops anxious to buy supplies. Long before closing time many shops had sold out and were forced to the request not to even give a hint or speculation of the sailing of Americause Friday is the principal potato marking. Such publication might result in the loss of life. As the reasons such as the reasons of the sailing of Americause Friday is the principal potato marking the loss of life. As the reasons are so obvious for making this request there is confidence in Administration circles that this request will be complied "All patriotic Americans are ready to make sacrifice for their country refraining from printing at this time what ordinarily they would freely print. "Inasmuch as it will be impossible to reach every paper and news agency directly. I will ask all papers to carry this request, which is made as an appeal to patriotism to all journalists and disseminators of news. The best news the readers can have is that the Government will protect the rights of America to the freedom of the seas. The publication of details can serve no good purpose and might jeopardize human life. All readers will surely applaud the in responding to this appeal."

GERMAN SEAMEN CONVICTED.

Found Guilty of Sinking Freighter Liebenfels.

FLORENCE, S. C., March 9.—Eight offi-cers and men of the German Hansa Line freighter Liebenfels, which began sinking in Charleston harbor on the night of January 31, were found guilty of sink-ing the vessel by a jury in the United States District Court here late to-day. They were acquitted, however, on one count charging conspiracy to sink the

Capt. Johanan R. Klattenhoff, master the Liebenfels, was the only one of of the Liebenfels, was the only one of the indicted men whose trial was post-poned. He is ill at Charleston. ing that they were only carrying out orders. Sentence will be passed to-

THE GREENBRIER—White Sulphur Springs, West Va. Ideal time for the cure. Only one night from New York.—Adv.

President's Call for Extra Congress Session

WASHINGTON, March 9.— The President's proclama-

The President's proclamation calling the extra session of Congress follows:

"WHEREAS public interests require that the Congress of the United States should be convened in extra session at 12 o'clock noon on the 16th day of April, 1917, to receive such communications as may be made by the Executive; the Executive;

"NOW, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the Congress of the United States to convene in extra session at the Capitol in the city of Washington on the 16th day of April, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, of which all persons who shall at that time he estilled to act as at that time be entitled to act as members thereof are hereby re-

"Given under my hand and the seal of the United States of America the ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-first."

BERLIN SHIFTS ONUS TO WILSON

Says Zimmermann—Last Word Spoken.

AMSTERDAM, via London, March 9.— Dutch newspapers publish the following statement made by Dr. Alfred Zimmer-mann, the German Foreign Secretary, to a representative of a Budapest news-

"As far as the United States is conand the decision is in President Wilson's

the time of sailing or the ships that have been armed disclosed.

far have been very satisfactory.

"As to peace, I may say that despite the refusal of our peace offer Germany still stands by the words of the Imperial Chancellor and is prepared to place her-self at the head of an alliance of States for the maintenance of the world's peace. "As to European neutrals, I believe

> "They will soon recognize that it is to their interests to keep their ships at home so that they may use them to EPIDEMICS SPREAD Dr. Zimmermann added that the mili-itary situation is entirely satisfactory

to Germany.

Safety Zone Outlined. THE HAGUE, via London, March 9 .-The Dutch Government has been notified by Germany that from March 15 abso-lute safety can be assured for shipping brough the North Sea channel west of benmark, through which transatlantic raffic must pass.

CLUB WOULD EXPEL KAISER.

New Egland Yachtsmen Find

Law in Their Way. BOSTON, March 9 .- The Eastern Yacht Club of Marblehead, which includes in its membership men of prominence, dedires to expel the Kaiser, who is one of notified in writing and have a hearing. At a meeting of the club, members hot Finally the matter was allowed to rest with the understanding that war Germany would automatically remove his name from the list of members. The Kalser was elected February 12.

BIG FIRE AT DETROIT CAUSES U. S. INQUIRY

Grain Elevator With 700,000 Bushels of Wheat Destroyed -Loss \$1,000,000.

Dernoir, March 9 .- Investigation of Detroit Elevator Company here to-day with the loss of 700,000 bushels of whent, corn and rye, mostly for export, was begun by United States District Attorney John E. Kinnane late this after

push the investigation, as the result of rumors that the elevator had been set on fire, to determine whether there had bee a violation of American neutrality. to a late hour no reliable cause of the blaze could be determined.
So intense was the heat for several hours during the afternoon that scores of freight cars in the Grand Trunk yards, in which the elevator was located, were endangered and four carloads of coal

sumed. Baggage and freight cars were saved from loss by bucket brigades. Firemen and trainmen pushed several cars to safety along the track close to the elevator wall shortly before the col-Estimates of the loss were placed today at more than \$1,000,000. The firms using the elevator were the Commercial Milling Company, the Caughey-Jossman Company and the Swift Grain Company.

Watch Hippodrome Ice Pend Monday.—

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Government Will Supply Guns and Gunners---Contracts for Armament Are Speeded

PRESIDENT WANTS BOTH HOUSES READY TO LEGISLATE ON DEFENCE

Convinced He Has Power to Act, but Desires Support---Armed But Not Aggressive Neutrality Will Be Maintained

WASHINGTON, March 9.- This country is to defend its rights forthwith upon the sea. President Wilson decided to-day to arm American merchantmen at once and supply them with naval gunners without waiting for the authority of Congress, At the same time he called Congress in extra session to meet on April 16, to "consider all matters collateral to the defence of our merchant marine."

The President's decision to provide guns and gunners for ships flying the American flag and to put them in the position of defence from U-boat attack in the German blockade zone brings actual war with Germany nearer than ever before. But the responsibility for war, if war comes, will be Germany's. The President's plan is merely to reassert the right of this Government to protect its citizens on their peaceful pursuits on the high seas in defiance of the German Government's lawless submarine blockade.

If the German threat to sink American ships is translated War Decision Rests With Him, into action or if a German submarine by attempted attack comes within range of the American protective guns the die will admittedly be cast. A declaration of war then probably will be a matter of form so far as the actual relations of the two countries are concerned.

Wants Congress Ready to Act.

All this the President fully real- the same time to make the following announcement: izes. For this reason he wants Congress to be on hand early, that he may obtain emergency legislation without delay. There is no rule or law requiring a period of thirty suits of unrestricted submarine war thus days between the call of an extra session and the actual assembling of Congress, but the President in fixing on April 16 has conformed to an

established custom in this respect.

BY GERMAN FAMINE

Parents Kill Children and Suicides Increase, According to Socialist's Speech.

debate in the Prussian diet on the food crisis have been printed in the German newspapers," says a despatch from Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent, "Vorwaerts, received to-day, contains in the following passage from the speech which the Government, despite its best of Herr Hofer, a Socialist member of the

Prussian Diet:
"The mortality among elderly people its four honorary members, the others is increasing at a terrible rate, while being King Alfonso, Theodore Roosevelt epidemics are spreading everywhere and William H. Taft. A by-law is in the owing to the decreased powers of reway, however. The club's by-laws pro-vide that members under fire shall be serious than has been admitted. The shall be serious than has been admitted. The number of suicides is increasing, and mbers hot parents are killing their children owing to their implifity to obtain food for Yet the price of potatoes, which long ago became generally scarce, is to be increased."

CORRIGAN SEEKS CITIZENSHIP. Dutch Irish Comedian Acquired Brogue in Wiesbaden, Germany.

When the Irish and the Dutch meet there's generally supposed to be trouble, but in the case of Emmet Corrigan, well known Celtle comedian, the two races came together without any bother at all, ship is sufficient warrant for opening at all. Sure, when he appeared before fire. Officials would not discuss this ascounty Clerk William F. Schneider yescame together without any bother at all terday for first naturalization papers

Arragh-also ach-he added that when he came here as a bit of a lad of 6 in 1874 he boasted the proud old Hibernian name of Antonius Nicalous Petrus Zilles. And didn't he say that before that time he'd been acquiring a rich brogue in Wiesbaden, Germany? He did, be fritz: Erin go Dutch.

2.500 LBS. DYNAMITE STOLEN.

Government Agenta Investigate Report of Theft by Allens. MILLINOCKET, Me., March 9 .- Gov-

Millinocker, seement agents began an investigation to-night of a report that nearly 2,500 pounds of dynamite had been stolen from the magazine of the Great North-Davier Company here. Officials of the country in a position to defend itself that armed neutrality against threatened at the neutrality against t dynamite was missing.
Company and police officials, it is unand several cars of varnish were con-

in the nearby has been hidden in the snow. foreigners employed in the mill were

power to arm American merchant ships and is free to exercise it at once. But so much necessary legislation is pressing for consideration that he is convinced that it is in the best inter-ests of the country to have an early session of the Sixty-fifth Coursess, whose support he will also need in all matters collateral to the defence of

Secretary Tumulty stated in con-

nection with the President's call for an extra session of Congress that the

President is convinced that he has the

Guns and Gunners Rendy. News that the announcement had been made at once brought a changed atmosphere over the Navy Department and the War Department. It was an atmosphere of extreme gravity coupled with frank admission

preparations for the inevitable now Secretary Daniels, to whom the responsibility for the navy's work in immediately arming the merchantmen has fallen, said that the navy had

guns and ginners ready.

All the cable companies were asked to-day to prevent the sending of any London, March 9.— "Thus far only fragmentary reports of the remarkable some inexplicable means some news found its way into the clubs in Germany within a day or two after reaching Eu-rope. The importance of suppressing such news even in this country lay in the danger of Germany getting the news by wireless, he said. That the Germans

efforts, was in ignorance was admitted. however. Not Aggressive Action.

A state of armed neutrality will be assumed by this country from now on accordance with the decisions reached clearly shown in the Senate debate, this rests entirely upon the theory that American ships have the right, in view of Germany's party. of Germany's action in prescribing a barred zone, to regard the mere appear-ance of a German periscope within that area as justification for using their guns. and that such action would be defensive

and not aggressive.

With the departure of the first armed American ship it will be necessary for the Navy Department to issue instructions to gun crews as to the manner in which the weapons are to be employed. In that will be involved a declaration of policy as to whether the appearance of a submarine in the neighborhood of a

U. S. Will Install Guns.

When the application of a shipowner for arms has been approved by the Navy Department the commandant of the nearest navy yard will be instructed to place the guns aboard. Most of the work probably will be done at the yards. where facilities are available for han-ding heavy weights quickly. In some cases structual changes in ships, decks may be necessary to carry the gun weight. In any event, however, it will take no more than a few days to cutift any ship. Contracts for additional guns of suit-

able size are being speeded up. It is ex-pected that they can be completed so that weapons will be quickly available

tacks or inroads by belligerents. This state of preparedness may last an innpany and police officials, it is un-npany and police officials, it is un-ood, are looking for the explosive a nearby woods in the belief that it been hidden in the snow. Three employed in the mill were design of the beligerent to confine its of disturbances arising out of discussions of the war. country to mere threats unsupported by actio On the other hand, the status of armed

neutrality may change into one of actual hostility through a collision—such as a

there were coerced by their leaders, no doubt, to join the movement as was soon as the opportunity presented itself. Of course with the capture of Gomes Continued on Third Page.

SECRET WIRELESS TAP REPUBLICANS IN HUNGER STRAIN

Learn, and Are Blaming Government.

PARTIES EVENLY DIVIDED ON VERGE OF OUTBREAK

But Three of Five "Uncertain- Millions Never Have Enough Much to Children.

terday by President Wilson for April 16.

even with the vacancy filled it would make the lineup 217 Democrats and 218 Republicans.

The five independents who hold the

behind the President the support of the

dent indicates, there is no crying need